

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 23, under "Figure 2" please delete the paragraph beginning with:

"Alignment of the OB-RGRP protein sequences of various species and of the human MY047 protein sequence."

and replace the deleted paragraph with the following:

Alignment of the OB-RGRP protein sequences of various species and of the human MY047 protein sequence. The potential transmembrane domains were determined by various methods (HMMTOP, TMHMM, TopPred2, TMpred) and are written in bold. OB-RBRP\_human is found in the sequence listing as SEQ ID No. 3; My47\_human is found in the sequence listing as SEQ ID No. 48; yt02\_C.elegans is found in the sequence listing as SEQ ID No. 49; YJ14\_Levure is found in the sequence listing as SEQ ID No. 50; the Consensus sequence is found in the sequence listing as SEQ ID No. 51.